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SUBJECT: CERI DECENTRALIZED PROJECT NO. 3: LOUVAIN CENTER

REF: A. USOECD: 31068 B. STATE 139107 AUGUST 1,1972

1. SUMMARY: BELGIAM GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED NEW FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOUVAIN COMPUTER CENTER FOR 1974-1976 AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BY FEBRUARY 28 IF U.S. INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE UNDER THE NEW TERMS. ACTION REQUESTED: ANSWER TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL BY FEB. 28. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED NEW FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOUVAIN CENTER UNDER WHICH IT WILL CONTRIBUTE BF 750,000 (ABOUT \$17,850) PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS (1974-76) IF 6 OTHER COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE IDENTICAL SUMS. (LETTER FROM BELGIAN PERMREP, OECD AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS POUCHED LEIBOWITZ, EUR/RPE.) IF MORE THAN 6 COUNTRIES

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CONTRIBUTE, SHARES WOULD BE REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY EXCEPT FOR

BELGIUM, WHOSE CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE FIXED AT BF 750,000.
AT PRESENT, TEN COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S. (IN FORMS OF HEW/OE)
PARTICIPATE IN LOUVAIN CENTER.
3. LOUVAIN CENTER EVOLVED FROM 1969-71 CERI PROGRAM ON
USE OF COMPUTERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. CENTER ESTAB-
LISHED IN 1972 AS CERI DECENTRALIZED PROJECT NO. 3
(COMPUTER-BASED LEARNING SYSTEMS FOR UNIVERSITIES) AND
HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND CERI. LATTER
CONTRIBUTION CAME FROM ONE-TIME GRANT FROM SHELL
NETHERLANDS N.V. EXCEPT FOR BELGIUM, OTHER PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES (U.S., CANADA, DANMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY,
ITALY, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM) HAVE NOT BEEN
REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY. BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR
1974-76 (PARA 2 ABOVE) WOULD CHANGE THIS ARRANGEMENT. DR. ROBERT
T. FILEP, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY,
HEW/OE SERVES ON CENTER'S SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
AND SEVERAL U.S. UNIVERSITIES COOPERATE IN PROGRAM (REF B).
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